

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-10, 17-18, and 24-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,356,665 of *Lei et al.* ("*Lei*").

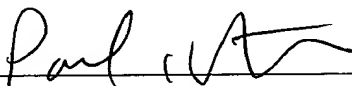
Applicant has cancelled claims 9-10, 17-18, and 24-25.

Claims 11-16, 19-23, and 26-28 are allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments set forth above, the applicable rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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